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**1. Claims: 1-15, 18-21**

Image display apparatus or image transmission apparatus comprising plural cameras and image display means, said image display means creating cut out images which compensates for blind spots.

**2. Claims: 16, 17**

Image transmission system comprising a transmission line on which packets are transmitted, and having at last one frame synchronization receiving apparatus and a frame synchronization signal transmission apparatus.

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